FUR MEARABLES Luxurious Enough to Tulfil Sached and Sleeved like a Gift-Requirement at Kimono.this Moleskin Costis Fetchinfly Chic Skating Coats Offer a New Princely the dift of an Opera Opportunity to Santa -coat in Gray Ermine the Approved Chinchilla, with Harmonious Christmas Fur -- Eveof Pointed Fox ning and Limousine Wraps Make Princely

Gifts -- Fur-Trimmed Negligees Dreams of Loveliness.

or until after the holidays may he woman who hopes to secure handsome furs at marked-down prices expect to fulfil her desires. Up to the day before Christmas fur prices hold their own-in readiness for Santa Claus, for from time immemorial furs have been the gift. of gifts, ranking second only to jewels in the estimation of womankind, And the practically inclined woman would far rather receive a substantial present in fur than the same amount money put into glittering gems. There is something opulent, superb. in costly furs; and they appeal to the heart feminine in their soft luxuriousness, as even diamonds and rubies do not appeal.

Skating Furs For This Year's Giving.

Santa Claus has found a new opportunity for his generosity this so son in the fushionable skating fad. It is said that skating will soon take the place of tangoing. Dancing classes are actually passing out of favor because of the vogue of skating classes and skating clubs. The fad originated in Paris where society througed the indoor skating rink, before the beginning of the war; and skating costumes fascinatingly chic were turned out by all the conturiers. Skating has been a fashionable pastime abroad, also, at the winter resorts on the Engandine. The wonder is that it has not attacked America before this. Skating toggery of all sorts is presented in the shops for the consideration of Christmas purchasers and Santa Claus is fairly reveling in the chance to give some thing new and bitherto unthought of in the way of furs.

There are enchanting skating coats of leather with fur collar and cuffs, seal, or dyed otter. The musely When falls rather closely to the figure as far and there are skating suits of white or other ermine is not a skating fur. The suggestion of extreme formality that always clings to ermine keeps it apart, as a pelt for garments of consuper-elegant character. The opera wrap, for instance, may be of ermine, or trimmed with ermine: the skating coat-which is of course more or less of a sport garment—may not adopt ermine and keep the peit in dustless condition, pass from Santa's hands into the hands of acceptable pictures of personal belongings

Christmas Scalskin. Seal coats have long been the standby of Santa Claus. Season in and season out, seal remains the favorite pelt with the majority of women when a new fur coat is under consideration, l Seal is always becoming; it is always through many seasons. elegant and distinguished, one does not tire of it as of a more conspicuous fur-and it has the precious quality of making its wearer look as slim something handsome-something out as she could look in any kind of fur. of the ordinary in the way of a fur This year seal coats show more fitted coat, he selects broadtail, which lines than they did last season; many such an exclusively expensive pelt that of them are belted just below the only very fortunate folk can wear it. Fur Wraps Cost Santa Claus a Small waistline, giving the silhouette a There is a distinction therefore about faunty youthfulness. The coat-skirt genuine broadfail which even sealskin flares out and is, preferably, bordered may not aspire to. A photograph into Santa's pocket before he sets out pity on the individual who sets forth with contrasting fur. Indeed, if Santa which is interesting because of a new to select an opera wrap of chinchilla, a-shopping with the reflection: Claus picks out a scal coat, this year, feature never before demonstrated in like the one pictured today. Very must buy her something, I don't care without some trimming-collar and fur coat wearables, is presented today, probably the woman who receives what it costs, so long as I get it off my cuffs at least of contrasting fur, he This coat has a concealed hoop around such a wrap will not be any happier mind." For this fortunate shopper will make a sad mistake!

son seal, in other words dyed musk- holds out the flare of the garment neckpiece of delectable gray squirrel where jewels are sold. She may choose

the two gifts. Perhaps no more regal for coat will be seen at the opera house this winter than this chinchilla wrap with its costly trimming of slashed sides! Ermine wraps are favored gifts with same blue, has white plumes. The

Ermine Thester Set

but the loose grace of this garment

smart. The fox fur used in trimming

Fortune.

substantial sum.

with Black-Tailed Ermine Fringe

much better investment for Santa is the model of moleskin and fox,

subsequent vigorous shaking and the new mode.

Notable Christmas Fur Coats of

This Year.

the plutocratic Santa Claus, but not a blue is particularly lovely even the gift season for such a wrap represents a fortune. Ermine is one has been said, its usefulness is confined and wraps. Santa Claus buys fur sets with talls and paws. Another Christ- Yuletide gladsomeness,

exquisitely soft pelt is mounted an on Christmas Eve; but there is a vast gulf between the intrinsic values of muff is as supple and graceful as the scarf and the dead whiteness of both is relieved in smart contrast of tone by a fringe of little ermine tails, blacktipped. As pictured, the white ermine pointed fox, not only at the collar, Nattier blue chiffon and silk. set is worn with a theatre gown of

This Years

by an Actual Hoo

at the Knee

The Christmas Fur Set.

by ermine as a rule. For the woman squirrel, o'possum, beaver, seal, civet which depend lace tabs of black chanwho goes out a great deal, and whose -and even one more than suspects, tilly, wardrobe boasts the rich costumes common cat. Most of the Christmas that ermine demands as a back- furs are fox, and indeed fox has infiground, an ermine searf and muff like nite variety, from the cheapest dyed the ones pictured will be a charming black fox, through all the grades of Christmas remembrance. This set is made of unspotted ermine and the equally soft white brocaded satin. The with younger women because of the to a plum pudding ready for steaming. pelts. The powdery white hairs against | considerably under two dollars. but all around the wrap, and up the velvet hat, in a deeper shade of the cal 1915 Christmas set of pointed for Women who have charge accounts at The becoming to the complexion. A typi- tion toward the Christmas Day dinner! white fur against this symphony in A good many more women receive round, as muffs are just now. Both dresses where this year's Christmas

mas set combines a circular cape of silver gray astrachan, collared with black fox, and a hat trimmed with for and silvery while hyacinths. . This set comes from Paris,

Cape and Hal

form a Dainly Combination: the One Silver Carscul and Fox: the Other White Hyacinthe

> Fur trimmed negligees are another phase of Christmas business. Lovely gowns of shadow lace and chiffon are bordered with skunk and fox and there are rich hued lounging robes of brocade and of corduroy with white fox collars and cuffs. One luxurious Christmas negligee is of white velvet, lined with soft white coney. Imagine wrapping one's self in this, after one's bath, for a siesta!

Notes and Novelties. LACE "BARBS" IN AGAIN.

MICH through your attic treasre boxes and bring to light any bits of old larg that have been Iving away for a generation or two, For ancient lace jabots and "barbs" are in fashion again and though credltable specimens are being turned out by machine, the genuine, old real face the benefit of those who do not know, it may be added that a "lace barb" is a length of hand-made lace about nine inches long, the ends being shaped like tabs. When the strip is doubled at the center, it makes two little lace tabs which, about 1866 to 1876 were worn at the neck, depending from a cameo brooch. Very smart in this year of 1915 is a tall, crushed velvet stock in black with two tiny thread lace tabs falling from the center front, o formal, evening occasions, and the by the millions, one might say, this A Robespierre collar of hand-embroidwoman whose fur gift at Christmas wide land over, and every sort of pelt ered pino cloth turns back from the must be something practical, passes is represented, fox, bear, wolf, lynx, throat, its V finishing in a brooch from

CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS.

RATHER unique feature of dethe ready-packed Christmas dinfox up to silver fox, most costly and ner basket containing everything most rare. Cross fox is a favorite for the feast from a dry-picked fowl gaiety and warmth of its coloring; The basket provides quantities for a pointed fox, rather an expensive fur, dinner of six persons and the price, is one of the handsomest Christmas including a good market-basket, is the dense black ones give this fur a agine the loy of a poor but worthy very soft effect which is exceedingly home-mother, receiving such a donais pictured. The neckpiece has the the big shops where these baskets are bulkiness which gives this year's fash- supplied cannot perform a sweeter or ionable swathed effect around the more acceptable charity than to order throat, and the must is small and several of these baskets sent to adof the most beautiful of furs, but as fur sets at Christmas than fur coats muff and scarf are lavishly trimmed is not likely to bring a great deal of



from her environment. One racks vastly more complicated. one's brains trying to think of somethe pre-Christmas shopping the burden of that impossible-to-find but must-be-found back of one's mind. It is useless to purchase anything in the way of raiment or trinketry-she has them. Useless to add anything to her already satisfactory stock of household belongings. More than uscless to load rat; less expensive coats are of near- from the knees, giving an exceedingly scal, or dyed otter. The muskrat pelt chic line. You will note that the coat trifle of "fancy-work"-she has probably a dozen such things packed away the hand is passed over it, the short as the waist, then flares out decidedly cloth trimmed laviship with beaver, hairs spring back like the pile of rich into a lynx border. The flare is mostly in last year, Books? Why give books silk velvet. A near-seal coat has a at the back and sides, a trick accomto one who has a standing order at ionger, more shaggy pelt which grad- plished by exceedingly clever cut of the best book-shops, and whose ually becomes matted, rough and the broadtail. Collar and cuffs are of library of classics is already perfect? dingy after much wear and exposure lynx, the cuffs having a graceful trim- Hopelessly one goes through the list to dust. Redressing the fur will help ming of tails and paws. This hooped of ordinary gifts with which the shops keep near-seal in its glossy, dark rich- fur coat attracted a great deal of at- abound, striking them out of considness of texture, and an occasional tention when it was first exhibited and eration, one by one, in the discouraged sponging off with a wet cloth with is considered a notable expression of

conviction of their impossibility It is almost always easy to think hanging to dry in a cool place will Another beautiful gift coat that will of acceptable presents for young peo-The Hudson seal coat, however, is a of a charming debutante of the winter, is still being gathered. The woman in middle life, fairly well supplied with Thus, even though the price is almost shown in another picture. This coat this world's goods, has acquired most double that of a near-seal garment, is as soft and graceful in line as the of the things her heart really yearns Hudson seal wears better than the broadtail coat is daring and chic. The for and there are few other things she more shaggy pelt of dyed ofter, and cut of the sleeve, the fullness at the really longs to have, except things its satiny, beautiful texture remains shoulders and the sash tying in front which have been too expensive for her suggest the informality of a kimono purse, hitherto, to buy. When anybody does venture to ask her "what is well suited to a slender, girlish figshe wants for Christmas," these still When Santa Claus wishes to do ure, and the coat is exceptionally unattainable things spring to her mind, of course; but very probably is dyed to the shade of the moleskin she makes reply: "Oh. my dear, I is and is, in itself, a gift representing a don't know-I really don't need any-

thing. Just send me a card" The unusual gift must be selected in most instances with a definite price Somebody has to slip a big check limit in view-one cannot waste much its lower edge; a very light, supple over it than the blissful schoolgirl there is a wide field. She may glean

UT-of-the-ordinary gifts for peo-ta rare bit of faience, an antique fan, found worthy of special write-ups on ple who "have everything" be- something in bronze, or a clever the advertising page of the emporium

come more and more the de- water-color or pastel. Any of these they grace. following the name of the friend or relative so blessed by fortune that nothing desirable or useful is missing the name of the friend or relative so blessed by fortune that who can spend but five dollars—or clouded glass set under a light even only one dollar—the situation is wrought from tracery. The lantern is supposed to hang from the roof of the

gift lurks in the not yet discovered by her hyper-crit- the front door; others tiny affairs for ical friend who is to receive the gift, bedroom doors. Odd and attractive upon her still another hand-made zaars," or the like, where a jumble, of small bric-a-brac, brusses, bookracks, statuettes and the like are gathered together in artistic confusion; but most of these things, separated and classified, would be only ordinary "stock," readily replaced at the manufacturing places they came from. There is nothing individual or unusual about them-if there were, their price would be higher and they would be

No doubt any Hartz Mountain Canary will appreciate this Frenchified domicile.

also are brass weights for holding tinted plaster flowers. Some of these doors open. These have tall handles, stand on tall standards and are very some a foot high, so that one need attractive additions to a dainty mornnot stoop to reach the weight when ing room. its location is to be changed. Brass A novel gift in silver is a cramp-letters which may be attached to the scraper for the during table, made in woodwork over a bungalow door, or the style of a miniature carpet sweepbelow a mantel-shelf, are also obtain- er. It sweeps up the crumbs in no note at this interesting shop, and va- time and is a deinty affair withou rious mottees are suggested: For a The earthenware flagous pictured is doorway one may purchase brass let- an attractive gift for a man's dea, The handsomest coats are of Hud- hoop, but a hoop none the less, which whose uncle sends her a muff and among Oriental rugs, or in the places Unique hall lantern of nail-studded ters to read when adjusted: "Joy is Most interesting are the hand-carved



Flegen and Jugs of Earthenware, one with a quaint hand-carved cork.

mottees will occur to the purchaser. There are also letter stencils by means of which appropriate mottoes may be affixed to country house doorways or furnishings. Across the top of a porch swing, for instance, is drawn a long strip of green ribbon on which is stenctiled in white: "For one I'm Cont-

fort, but I'm Plies for Two." Just now very ornate, frivolous cages house the family canary. One of the most modern cases is pletured, a say affair of ivory white wicker, wreathed with Ivory white and pale blue foliage and tied with a huge pale blue satin bow at the top. It would be an unfashionable songster indeed who would not appreclate such an enchanting domicile and sing the better for it. There are also very handsome cages of plaster, tinted in the ivory tone and decorated with

here; leave burdens without," Other and thited wooden corks.

mand each Christmas season. things may be added satisfactorily to From one of these specially shops there is no space in the Christmas the environment of the "woman who came the studded lantern shown in ist left so long unfilled as the space has everything" without seriously an illustration. This lantern is of

She should avoid the department porch by the chain, and sheds a very thing she may want; all the weeks of stores and seek in out-of-the way soft, pleasing light. From the same places, or specialty shops if she wants shop come most interesting brass to find anything really original, and door-knockers, some in large size for Everything in a department store, speaking generally, may be found in duplicate in some other department store. Certain stores have specialty departments, called "Studios,"

metal and tinted opaque glass.